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REMARKS

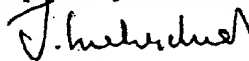
In the Office communication, dated February 5, 2002, in Detailed Action Item 2, the Examiner stated "This application is in condition for allowance except for the formal matters: The objection to the specification as reciting different genus and/or species combinations that are not italicized.... Correction of this outstanding formal requirement is required."

The current amendment corrects this deficiency, correcting the genus/species citation that was previously unitalicized.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-326-2400.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

The paragraph beginning on page 1, line 9, has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to a gene involved in actin dynamics in the yeast
[*Aspergillus fumigatus*] *Aspergillus fumigatus* and more particularly to the identification,
isolation and cloning of this gene. This invention also relates to a method of using this
gene to screen for compounds with antifungal activity.